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Aug 24-on will meet with States Rating Agencies

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I had an interesting discussion with Adam Berg, Rep Bryce's guy last Friday. I called him to ask why we (Commerce) got reamed by House Finance. In a nutshell, I learned that:

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